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The Knife in the Bowels of Reform. THOMAS S. T. MACKLER voted in Select Council to override the Mayor's veto of the Municipal Court grab.

Will Be Dry in Old Virginia. VIRGINIA has some dry by a decisive majority. The fight there has been going on for years.

Militarism No Worse Than Navalism. THE German people are quite right in resenting a great deal of the unreasonable criticism of the Fatherland.

Vital History Should Be Taught. CURRENT events should be studied in the schools in order to make past history more real to the pupils.

Courage is the Conquest of Fear. WE DO NOT conquer the world by shedding the blood of others.

Re-enter Mexican Revolution. THE long expected has happened. The intolerable tension is over.

National Palace. Jealousies and ambitions aside, there have been signs of profound differences between the great natural divisions of Northern and Southern Mexico.

No Stultification for a Mess of Pottage. AT BRUMBAUGH assured his audience that even the competent business administration fell short unless sustained by high moral purpose.

Stand Up for Pennsylvania. STAND UP for Pennsylvania, says Doctor Brumbaugh, who has always stood up for her himself and to whom the public is looking with full confidence.

Dr. Bacon Overrules the Mayor. AN EXAMINER'S report, confirmed by Judge Audenried, declares that Dr. William D. Bacon was never elected to Select Council from the 14th Ward.

He Watched and Wept. MANY a country parson has run his godly race remote from towns without ever wishing to change his place.

THE original manuscript of Arnold Bennett's "The Regent," also known as "The Old Adam," is now in this country.

IT was in the Pocono Mountains the last week-end. A number of legal lights, members of the Lehigh County bar, including Judge Frank M. Trexler, were holding a friendly debate on the fine points of the law.

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THE submarine has a way of setting under things. Don't despise consolations however small—the scarpless season is almost ready to open.

It is an era of indirect diplomats. Our own service seems to have no claims for superiority. In fact, the rivalry among envoys to say wrong things at the psychological moment indicates that we must exert ourselves if we expect to hold the championship.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

THERE arrived in Philadelphia this week a copy of the "Courier of Political Exiles," the official paper of those sent to Siberia by the Czar.

Laying aside entirely the pathetic human side of the story, the account of the last hours of the Russian sounds strangely out of harmony with the honeyed words of the Czar, addressed to his "Dear Jews" and "My Loyal Poles."

At 8 o'clock in the evening the train approached a small station, Yamskaya, where we were to change trains.

"How dare you sit down, you dog?" shouted a gendarme, whereupon his comrades picked him up and carried him out of the car to the station platform.

JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT was the most vitriolic dramatic critic in Chicago, where he sat in theatrical judgment for the Record-Herald.

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THE swimmer at Elnore. Above the Swedish shore a bar of gold. Shows in the gray—the colored torches light across the clouds—rose, azure, chrysoide.

Estotiland was an Arctic country existing only in the imaginations of olden geographers. It was placed by them in the spot now occupied on the maps by Newfoundland.

Friedland fishermen, driven out of their course by adverse winds, in 1487 Cabot set sail for the mystic continent and discovered Newfoundland.

The term "Galway jury" originated in Ireland in 1858, during state trials held to decide the rights of the English crown to Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Galway.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR. Comparisons. The little taxpayer appeared worried. He owned a car and was nervous and uneasy.

On the Battlefield. "We shall conquer," exclaimed the general to his troops of hearts are in the fight.

A Literary Color Scheme. Most poets are blue because they are not read.

There's No Accounting for Taste. "Dies in a policeman's arms."—Newspaper headline.

One Word, Please. Where'er I go, there haunts me A word of strange sound;

Horse of a French Color. The Groom—Well, Bill, you won't see the gunner's horse any more; they've taken him for the army.

An Alternative. Mr. Newby—Did you sew the button on my coat, darling?

The Lesser Evil. Mr. Borem—Shall we talk or dance? Miss Westleigh—I'm very tired. Let us dance.—Boston Transcript.

A Culinary Sherlock Holmes. "Water, give me the menu." "We have none, but I can tell you what we have."

Tales of Three Cities. There was a young man in N. Y. Who never would cut with a F.Y. I have cut with a wife.

The Female of the Species. From the Ohio State Journal. It takes a man a long time to get back into the swing of his regular work after a vacation.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

WHEN you come to think of it, it is rather remarkable that we have had our old friends the minstrels with us for more than 50 years.

HAVING become a venerable institution many years ago, there naturally arose a dispute as to the place where negro minstrelsy had its birth.

THEN came black-faced banjo acts, such as Billy Whitlock used to do; others similar to George Washington Dixon's "Zip Coon," and still minstrelsy did not appear on the scene.

IN its early form minstrelsy was essentially musical. The first band of minstrels that traveled around the country had Master Ole Bull as one of its members.

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He walked briskly down the long aisle between our desks, but not too fast to give a bright, cheery "Good morning" to each of you.

It will accelerate your own red corpuscles as much as theirs.

Views of Readers ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The "Doing it" article toward the present European war are not going to try to judge the German people.

ADMIRATION FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—American public opinion toward the present European war are not going to try to judge the German people.

IN REFERENCE TO "PORK". To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—You state in your editorial that Senator Penrose voted for "pork."

THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Last week in Philadelphia the new of the streets days before New York was able to clear her highways.

FOLLOW VIRGINIA'S EXAMPLE. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Virginia has gone dry. I think it would be a fine thing for Pennsylvania to do likewise.

THINKS PENROSE A WEAK GIANT. To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—You are quite right. In the minority Senator Penrose is about as weak a political force in our State as could be reasonably expected.

A Victory For Science. From the Savannah News. What modern medical science can accomplish is shown in a fact that the lethal against the bubonic plague at New Orleans has been won.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW. The country is heavily indebted to Senator Burton and his allies for a great victory won in its behalf.—Indianapolis News.

THE IDEALIST. What is the most powerful phrase in the English language? I put the question to a gathering of folks whose presence there indicated their familiarity with the literature of history.